World Bank assistance for irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

3303. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has come forward to finance some irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement has been signed with the World Bank on 28-05-1986 for an assistance of US $ 271 millions for the Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-II. The assistance will be operative up to 30-06-1994 The main components of the project are:—

(i) Construction of part of Srisailam right Branch Canal;

(ii) Construction/upgrading of Kakatiya Canal;

(iii) Construction of distributaries and minors;

(iv) Training of the staff of Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Department; and

(v) Resettlement and rehabilitation of oustees.

Provision of irrigation facility in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh

3304. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh there is not even a single medium/major irrigation project till today; and

(b) what special steps, if any, are being taken by the Central Government to provide assured water supply for irrigation in Chittoor District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MARDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Schemes are to be formulated by Government of Andhra Pradesh from their resources.

Pension cases of freedom fighters of Andhra Pradesh

3305. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Ministry;

(b) what is the number of such cases which have been pending for more than three years;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During the Special Drive undertaken in July-August, 1986 all pending cases excepting 195 cases from Andhra Pradesh, apart from Hyderabad Border Camp cases and Arya Samaj cases were disposed of. As a result of efforts made since then, only 47 such cases were awaiting finalisation in this Ministry as on 31st October, 1987.

(b) All these 47 pending cases are more than three years old.

(c) Verification reports of the State Government have not been received so far in the above cases.

(d) State Government have been reminded to expedite their verification reports. Besides, the Special Screening Committee for Hyderabad Border Camps cases and the Non-Official Committee for Arya Samaj cases are looking into the Hyderabad Border Camp cases and Arya Samaj cases from Andhra Pradesh respectively.

Export of yarn

3306. SHRI G. VARADARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of yarn permitted for export during 1987-88;

(b) out of the above quantity exported how much was direct and how much through merchant exporters;

(c) the details of counts of different variety exported; and

(d) what is Government's policy on cotton imports under advanced licensing policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) According to the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, 60.12 million kgs of cotton yarn have been allowed for exports during April-October, 87, and of this quantity, 26.86 million kgs. has been exported by mills and the rest by merchant exporters. The counts of yarn exported varied between 2s and 100s.

(d) The imports of cotton against exports of cotton yarn have been allowed under Advance Licensing Scheme.

Exploitation of labourers/workers in various establishments in Delhi

3307 SHRI J P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the exploitation of labourers and workers by the owners of shops and establishments in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees working in shops and in factories in Delhi and surrounding areas are not given the minimum wages fixed by Government and they also do not enjoy any other facility like Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance, etc.; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what corrective measures Government propose to take to help the workers of shops and other establishments in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. No such reports have been received. However individual complaints when received are attended to.

(b) and (c) According to Delhi Administration, the employees working in factories and shops are generally being paid minimum wages fixed by Government The ESI Scheme is at present applicable to factories run with power and employing ten or more persons and non-power using factories employing 20 or more persons. Shops are not however, at present covered under the ESI Scheme. The EPF Scheme is applicable to shops and establishments and factories employing 20 or more persons. The employees of factories and shops covered under the two Acts are entitled to ESI and PF benefits.

Cost of Irrigation from Sardar Sarovar project

3308. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 672 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the cost of irrigation from Sardar Sarovar Project dam which has been stated as Rs. 18000 per hectare is limited to Sarovar